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Costumed performers with The Birds by Les Chasseurs de Reves draw a crowd at the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival in 2022. Held in Head Lake Park beside Rails End Gallery, the festival has been held for more than 55 years. /FILE

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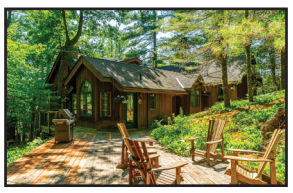

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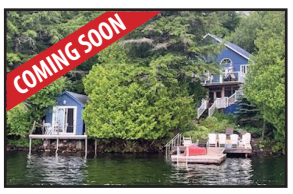

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Volunteers Bev Coneybeare and Bill Forbes stand out front the Stanhope Heritage Museum, which at one point housed the council meetings before becoming a museum for visitors. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

The small but mighty Stanhope Museum

EMILY STONEHOUSE

County Life Staff

You know what they say; good things come in small packages.

That could not be more true for the Stanhope Heritage Museum. Nestled in the heart of Algonquin Highlands, the tiny space boasts over 140 years of records and artifacts from the region.

The building formerly housed the original Stanhope Council meetings. On January 15, 1866 the first council meeting of Stanhope Township was held in what is now Minden. At that time, the meetings were held in people's private homes.

By 1910, a resolution was passed to build a formal council hall. The building was opened on Dominion Road in Stanhope, and "was known to host the odd square dance where folks say the loggers - and their boots, made quite an impression!" reads a plaque outside the museum.

By 1966, the one-room council chamber opted for more room in the Lower Maple Lake Schoolhouse, which resulted in the hall being left empty. In 1995, Stanhope Council asked community volunteers to create a local museum, and the small building was relocated to where it now sits today, near the Algonquin Highlands Township buildings.

One volunteer who has poured his heart and soul into that one room building is Bill Forbes, who has spent the past 25 years learning about the history, geography, and stories of the Stanhope region. "I've only been in the area since 1946," laughed Forbes, "I'm still a newbie!"

Forbes has a vast understanding of the artifacts that line the walls of the museum, and provides individual anecdotes and personal stories along with each piece.

Currently, the displays in the museum include a full history of the 50 years of the Stanhope Fire Department, a detailed miniature one-room schoolhouse, an in-depth history of logging in the area, a series of charcoal portraits of locals over the years, a series of standalone facts and figures that highlight the heritage, and an information corner where folks can research their family trees and local properties.

One particular area of interest is the different uses of the words "Boshkung" and "Boskung".

"Boshkung has been spelled differently on maps over the years, including Bushk-Konk, Bushconk, and Buskank," reads the plaque on the museum. "Where did Boshkung come from?"

According to the history, there were five applications made to request a post office in the area. The 1878 application was the first to suggest "Bushkonk", after the lake itself, but when the community received the paperwork back for the post office, the letters were transposed, and spelled out "Boskung."

Many locals still refer to the area as Boskung, though it was noted that it has gradually evolved to become Boshkung over the years.

The museum is filled with anecdotes just like this, that make the place so many call home that much richer and more colourful.

For Forbes, it's not just the stories that paint the picture of the area. "Being here, over time, the thing that's so wonderful, is just all the people who come in."

While the museum is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Forbes made it clear that he is open to welcoming guests and groups outside of those hours if arrangements are made in advance. He shared that he has hosted car clubs, bike tours, and family reunions onsite, and is eager to meet more people, and welcome new visitors onto the site. "There's lots I can tell people," Forbes said, "but there's so much more they can tell me."

The museum is located at 1123 North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands, and can be reached at 705-489-2379.

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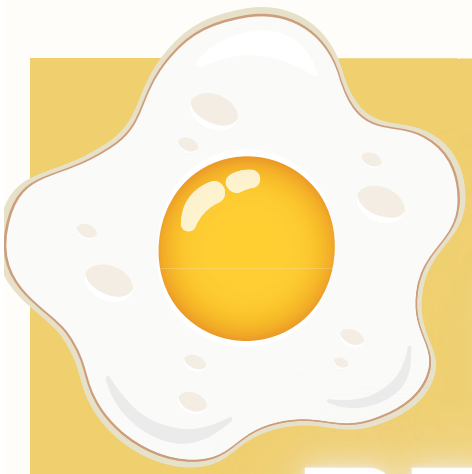

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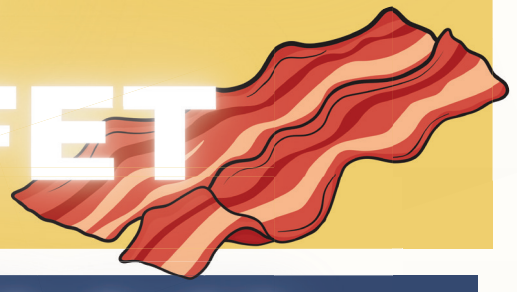

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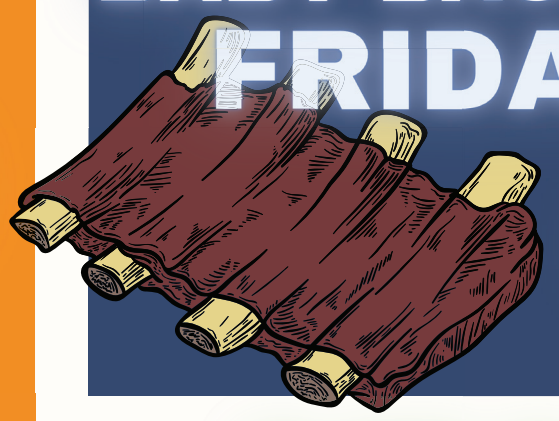

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A handbook for time travelers

IRV HANDLER
Special to *County Life*

As far as we know, it is impossible to travel through time. But that should not stop you from being prepared, just in case the impossible happens. So if you do find yourself traveling through time, your trip will be more enjoyable if you follow these five simple tips.

You can never go home

Time is a funny thing. It doesn't actually exist. We experience time through our consciousness and memory. We remember things that happen to us and so we believe that time has passed.

It's the pace at which things change that we recognize as time. So change the pace of change and you will be time traveling. Since most of the change we see around us is the result of entropy, you can move through time by accelerating or reversing entropy.

Once you get where (or when) you're going and drop out of the accelerating or reversing field, entropy will go back to normal and time will chug along at its more conventional pace and direction.

But can you expect time to unfold in exactly the same way the second (or third or fourth or how many trips you make) time around? Not very likely. A lot of entropy-induced change is the result of chance. Quantum mechanics and Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principal teaches us that the universe is a chaotic place.

There is no such thing as predestination. If you go into the past, things will be different by the time you get back to when you started. If you are keen to re-enter your old life after time tripping, try traveling into the future instead of the past.

It may be possible that when you reverse entropy for your trip home, things will un-change in exactly the same way they originally changed. But you'll never know unless you try.

The bottom line is, that if you like the way things are right now, don't go messing around with time travel.

Don't worry about paradoxes

Once you start traveling through time, you've already made a mockery of cause and effect. As discussed in our first point, when you arrive in the past, things will immediately begin to move forward again in accordance with the more mundane laws of physics.

If you kill your infant self, you won't disappear in a puff of smoke or slowly fade away like Marty McFly. The future cannot affect the past. In fact, as far as the laws of physics are concerned, the future and the past do not even exist.

Only the present is real. If you kill your infant self the most likely consequence will be the unpleasant task of disposing of dead baby. The only way you'll disappear in a puff of smoke is if you're a suicide bomber or stage magician.

So go experience the past.

Don't forget to bring lunch money

Time traveling is hungry work so you'll be wanting a snack when you get to where (or when) you're going. And therein lies the problem. Food has never been free, so you're going to need some spending money.

It is probably fair to assume that you will be able to transport any object you bring with you into your field of rapid or reversing entropy. Otherwise you'll end up arriving as naked as Schwarzenegger hunting for Sarah Connor and, unless you're as strong as an Austrian cyborg, you'll have other things to worry about.

The question is; what kind of money should you bring? Your local currency is probably only useful for trips of up to 50 years in either direction. More ambitious travel plans need more creative solutions. Gold is always a safe bet but it does have some serious drawbacks.

First off, gold is surprisingly heavy which will seriously limit the amount you'll be able to carry. And showing up anywhere and anytime with an armful of gold is never the safest option. Gold is also expensive so you'll have to plough through a whole lot of your life savings just to acquire spending money for your trip.

Finally, you'll find that people are a distrustful lot so you will need to find an assayer to establish your gold is bona fide. Bringing back a cheaper, lightweight commodity to trade could be a better strategy. If you travel back to Pre-Columbian times, you may want to carry spices as an alternative to gold.

Spices are lightweight, non-perishable and, through most of human history, more valuable than gold. Any potential buyer can verify its bona fides by simply tasting it. And as an added benefit, anyone interested in trading for spice will likely be flush with excess food. Traveling to the future will pose different challenges.

The further you go into the future, the harder it is to predict what commodity will be considered valuable. Again, gold remains a good option but it is, by no means, a sure thing. You may want to bring along a variety of collectables (comic books, stamps, sports memorabilia) in the hopes that people of the future will still care about such things.

It is always possible that you'll find a utopian future where money is unknown and food is as close as your nearest replicator, but just in case, bring along a couple of Beatle 45s.

Stick close to home

Languages change over time. By one estimate, you can expect 25 per cent of your language to change every 200 years or so. So unless you plan to be a silent witness to your chosen epoch, you will want to limit your trips to a hundred years or so, in either direction.

But I'm guessing that most time trippers will want to mix it up with the local population. And there lies your next problem. It won't be just your language that will mark you as an outsider; your clothes, grooming, sense of humour and ignorance of local customs and taboos will also be telltale signs that you do not belong.

Unfortunately, outsiders have never been particularly well treated in human societies. Dr. David Livingstone, the famous African explorer, was displayed as a zoo animal and forced to entertain his captors in exchange for food, until rescued by Henry Stanley.

Still, Dr. Livingstone fared better than Magellan, who was eaten by cannibals. And human dangers could be least of your worries. The longer your leap in either direction, the greater the chance that you'll run into a nasty germ for which you have no antibodies.

On the other hand, showing up with a Costco-sized vial of antibiotics in the middle of a Mediaeval plague could simultaneously provide you with a fair amount of spending money and elevate your social status.

Get a good GPS

Our planet turns on its axis at about 1,000 miles per hour. It travels around the sun at 66,500 miles an hour; and the sun, in turn, travels around the Milky Way galaxy at 52,000 miles an hour. So if you chose to travel through time without travelling through space, you'll likely find yourself floating uncomfortably in the vacuum of space.

They don't call it the Space-Time Continuum for nothing. And when it comes to nailing your landing, a miss is as good as a mile. In 10 years, Earth would have moved five billion miles along the outer edge of the galaxy. If your GPS is 99.99 per cent accurate, you'll still miss your target by 500,000 miles.

Undershooting your target by as little as 10 feet will leave you in a potentially lethal fall to earth. Overshoot it by even a few inches and you'll find your feet firmly buried underground.

On the other hand, if you do manage to nail down the GPS but decide that time travel is not your cup of tea, you can always use your time machine as a handy earthbound transporter machine. Not only will you be able to eliminate your commute time, you'll be able to show up to work before you leave home.

As for me, if I ever have access to time travel, I'll probably go back to 1960 Liverpool and hang out with the Beatles before they hit it big. Maybe even provide them with some Help in writing songs.

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Bel Angeles discusses her work during the opening of her 'Recto Verso' exhibit.

Recto Verso

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre hosted the opening reception for artist and activist Bel Angeles' exhibit 'Recto Verso' on Saturday, July 8. The Perth-based artist, who focuses on equality and social justice through creativity, met with gallery-goers during Saturday's opening. 'Recto Verso' is on display through the summer. /ADAM FRISK Special to *County Life*

Bel Angeles poses for a photo during the opening of her 'Recto Verso' on Saturday at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre on Saturday.

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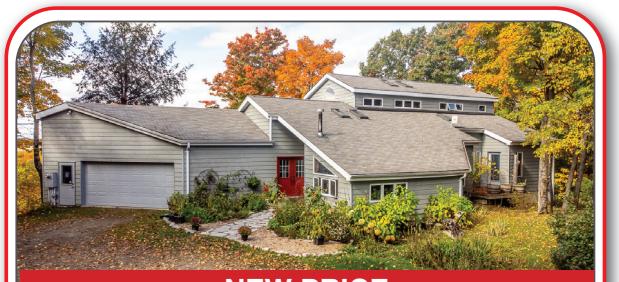

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A love for the Highlands

CHRISTINE CARR
County Life Staff

I have been known by many things in my 34 years: Terry's daughter (if you are in real estate); Johnny's daughter (if you are from West Guilford); Shannon's sister (most of my High School life); Ms. Carr (if you are at HHSS), and now I am adding one more thing to the list: summer reporter.

This ever-growing list is representative of why this community means so much to me, and why I am so excited to share my love of this community with the audience of the *Echo* and the *Times*.

Growing up in the Haliburton Highlands, community has always been an integral part of my life.

Coming of age in the same town as my mother, a Gelert native, and seeing my family's history in the buildings around me taught me the importance of cherishing how lucky we are in this county for what we have.

Seeing the town's history in the crumbling houses that no longer stand, but once stood testament to Gelert's proud history, awakened my love of history and my desire to learn more about our proud community.

Attending the same high school as both of my parents, where I now teach, flamed my desire to one day return and help teach the youth in the county.

All of these things helped shape me into who I am today. They helped give voice to my love of my local community and my desire to give back to the region that raised me and my parents.

Christine Carr will be working as a summer reporter for the *Echo, Times,* and *County Life.*

Although I moved away after high school, attending Nipissing University and obtaining degrees in English Literature and History, as well as my Bachelor of Education, I always planned to one day return home.

After University, I had the unforgettable opportunity to teach in Indigenous communities across Northern Ontario and Quebec, most notably the Cree community of Eastmain, Quebec.

These experiences helped shape me as a teacher and an individual, as I learned the importance of Indigenous People on the landscape of Canada, as well as the crucial role all Canadians play in promoting reconciliation within Canada.

Growing up in the Haliburton Highlands has helped shape who I am and my passions.

I love exploring the outdoors, whether by kayak or on foot, and escaping into the wilderness, exploring the forests and lakes of the County.

I love giving back to the community through my work with Rotaract Haliburton Highlands. This love for the area is why I am so excited to join *County Life* for the summer and experience and share everything this county has to offer.

I look forward to the adventures we can have together over the summer and all of the amazing events and moments that we can share.

You can contact me by email at christine@haliburtonpress.com.

Top 10 reasons to call an end to fishing for the day

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Fishing is sort of like tobogganing – it's easy to start and hard to stop. But any veteran angler will tell you there are certain signs that indicate its time to finally quit for the day. Here are the top 10.

1. You forgot the boat plug and your big toe is now starting to get waterlogged.
2. Not sure how close that last lightning strike was, but your eyebrows are now missing.
3. You caught one more fish than everyone else.
4. Sunburn so bad, people are asking your fishing buddy, "Where'd you catch the lobster?"
5. You're already two hours late – and its your wedding day.
6. Fish on the sonar screen appear to be laughing.
7. Hooked yourself in an impossible-to-reach location – for you and everyone else in the boat.
8. Tough looking loons keep eyeing your stringer.
9. Facing sudden heavy winds – and the conditions are bad outside the boat too.
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By Deborah J Reed

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A fox carries away dinner - two chipmunks. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

A Great blue heron takes off from a rock on Kashagawigamog Lake. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

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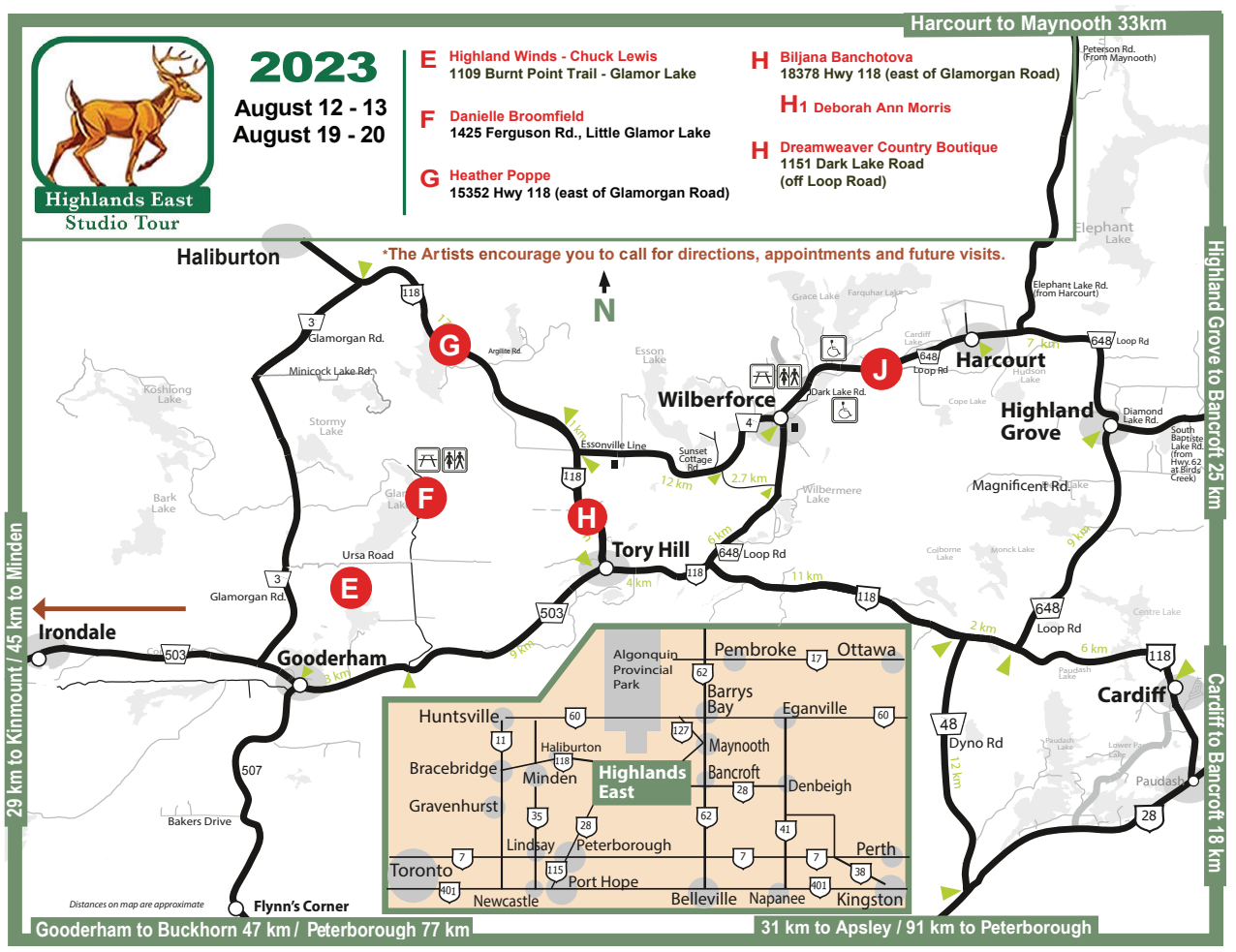

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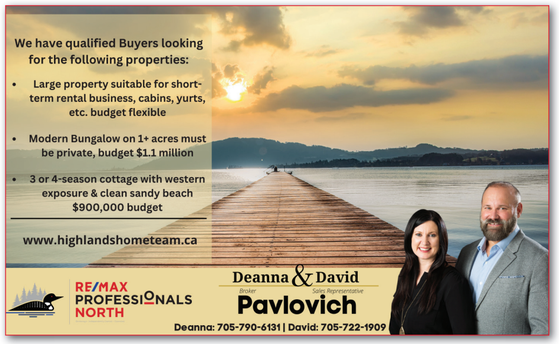
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The History of the 4C's

When: Thursday July 20, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum, 66 Museum Road
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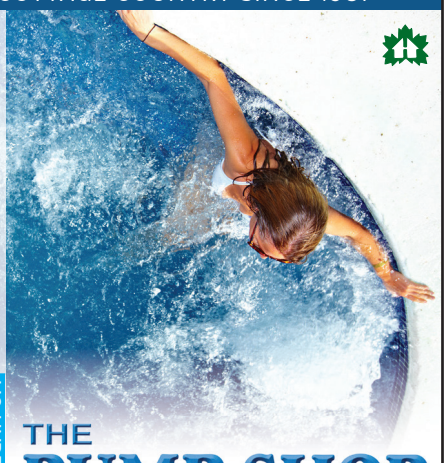

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Bear caught with paws in cookie jar

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When Violet Maughan woke up in the middle of the night last Wednesday because of a commotion in her kitchen, she thought a raccoon must have somehow got in through the screen door of her Mountain Street house.

But when she went into the kitchen to investigate, it wasn't a raccoon that had its finger in the cookie jar – it was a young bear.

"I had bought some cookies for a treat but it was the bear who had the treat instead," she says.

Like a child who gets caught in the act of doing something wrong, the cub jumped when it saw Mrs. Maughan and quickly ran out the door.

"I guess I scared him as bad as he scared me," the Haliburton resident says, none the worse for wear for her encounter. "I couldn't get back to sleep but other than that I'm fine."

A bear in the kitchen was not an uncommon occurrence last week.

Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to 10 calls from people who had bears inside their homes or cottages.

Sgt. Harry Baranik said he had to shoot one bear near

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DARREN LUM/Echo

With a grunt of approval, a competitor in the caber toss watches his caber fly through Head Lake Park in the heavy events component of Saturday's Highland Games. More photos pge 14.

Highland Games turns into piper's tribute

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Although the grey skies reflected the mood of many of the participants in Saturday's Highland Games, their love of bagpipes helped them transform the day into a loving tribute for the Bancroft pipe major who died after taking part in the morning parade.

George Kerr, 67, who was waiting for by-pass surgery later this summer, died of a heart attack while waiting for the massed bands to begin to play.

"He was a beautiful person, very jovial, very obliging, a real

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Loblaws sails through another green light

ERIN TENNANT
Staff Reporter

The addition of a gas bar to the proposed Loblaw grocery store on County Road 121 was approved yesterday in what was one more green light for the food distributor's building plans in Haliburton.

Construction on the three-pump gas bar, a new initiative of Loblaws, will go ahead after Dysart et al granted the rezoning of a 61,000 sq. ft. parcel of land, which adjoins the site for the grocery store, from a residential to commercial designation at yesterday's council meeting.

The land, recently purchased by Loblaws, formerly held two separate residential houses. It is now included in the existing commercial site - where the former Curry Motors auto body shop stood - and will present a combined area of 388,000 sq.ft. with 650 ft. street frontage.

Loblaws, through representative Rob Walker of Zelinka Priamo, presented a submission for the rezoning on July 7 during a public meeting at council chambers.

Walker assured council that proper engineering tests would be completed before plans for the gas bar would be finalized, with an intention to expand to four pumps. As well, he signalled that there would be one entrance to the store, via the county road, and that stormwa-

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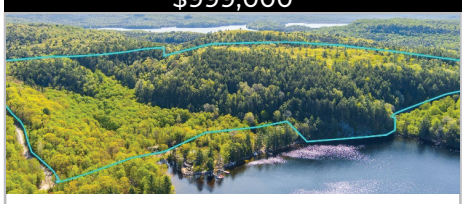

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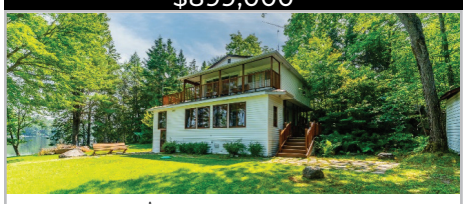

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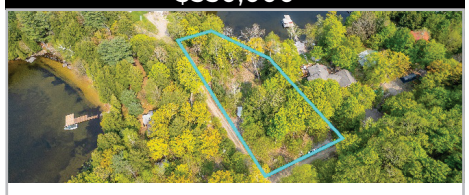

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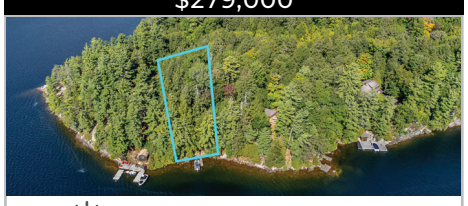

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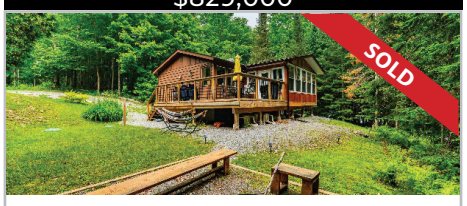

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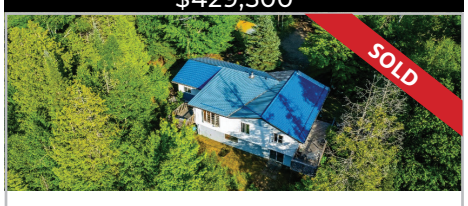

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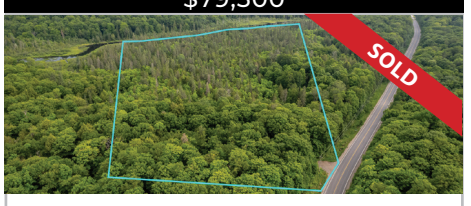

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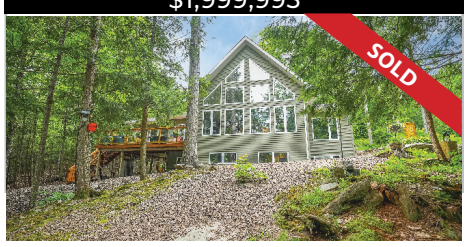

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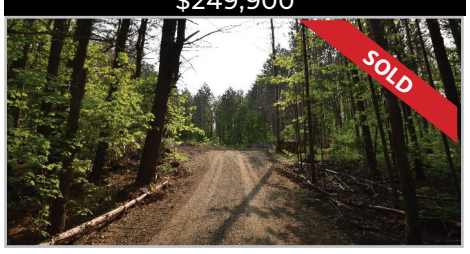

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